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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 17, 2006. Claims 28, 30, 32, 39, 41, 43 and 50 to 55 remain in the application, with Claims 29, 31, 33 to 38, 40, 42 and 44 to 49 having been canceled. Claims 28, 39, 50 and 53 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 50 to 55 are allowed.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication that dependent Claims 29 and 40 recite allowable subject matter. In keeping with this indication, independent Claims 28 and 39 have been amended to include the substance of Claims 29 and 40, respectively, and Claims 29 and 40 have been cancelled. In this regard, other amendments have been made to Claims 28 and 39 in a manner not believed to affect their allowability. It is therefore believed that all claims are allowable.

Claims 28 to 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,151,262 (Haroun). In this regard, given that Claims 29 and 40 are indicated as allowable, it is believed that Claims 29 and 40 were inadvertently included in the list of rejected claims.

The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the foregoing rejection, but rather solely for the purpose of expediting issuance.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited. However, if the

Examiner does not share Applicants' belief, the Examiner is respectfully requested to directly contact Applicants' representative as indicated below.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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